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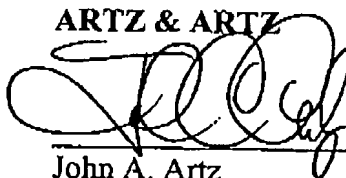
In the Action, claims 1-3 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by the Beermann patent (U.S. 4,837,931). However, claims 14-24 were allowed as presented, and claims 4 and 6-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

By this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 4, with original claims 3 and 4 being cancelled. In addition, new independent claim 25 is being presented which is a combination of original claim 1 and allowable claim 6. New claims 26-30 are all dependent from claim 25.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims remaining in the case, namely claims 1-2 and 5-30, are all in proper form and are patentable over the prior art. Allowance of the claims and passage of the application to allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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